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DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY POLICING GRANTS

\$1,200,000 Will Put More Crime Fighters Our Streets

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Rep. Kika de la Garza today announced that 22 cities in his congressional district will receive federal grants to establish community policing programs. The U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) funds were awarded by DoJ's new Community Oriented Policing Services division, to which Police Chief Joseph Brann, who hails from Mission and is the son of June Brann, was recently appointed Executive Director.

"Crime fighting isn't just for big cities," said de la Garza. "I'm mighty glad to have helped Washington figure out that crime is a growing concern in rural America too."

The \$1,194,675 will cover 75% of three years salary and benefits for an additional police officer in each town listed below. The monies will be available to the municipalities as soon as the new officers can be hired, trained and deployed.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ESTIMATED GRANT</u>
Alamo City Police Department	\$ 44,878.50
Alton Police Department	30,039.75
Aransas Pass Police Department	53,554.50
Brooks County Sheriff's Department	54,607.50
Cuero Police Department	67,803.75
DeWitt County Sheriff's Department	59,062.50
Donna Police Department	44,259.75
Edinburg, City of (2)	114,957.00
George West, City of	43,688.25
Gregory Police Department	58,500.00
Hidalgo Police Department	45,015.75
Karnes County Sheriff's Office	54,258.75
Kenedy Police Department	56,756.25
Kingsville Police Department	63,771.75
La Joya Police Department	35,687.25
La Villa Police Department	35,230.50
Mission Police Department	59,429.25
Portland Police Department	67,569.75
Progreso Police Department	47,304.00
San Juan Police Department	54,787.50
Three Rivers Police Department	50,850.00
Weslaco Police Department	52,663.50